TRAINING TRIPS PAY MAGNATES

Preliminary Work Gets Every- Sugar City Basketball Players body in Shape for Opening Game.

BY OMPIRE BILLY EVANS.

Are southern training trips good or bad investments for the many clubs who make the annual spring visit to

This much-mooted question has been discussed from every angle for years by fans and club owners. Strong arguments have been advanced by both

Several club owners have tried the plan of training in the north with very poor success, and on several occasions after a week or two of bad weather have shifted with all haste to some camp in the south. The very fact that the teams continue to go south is the best proof in the world that the men behind the guns regard the spring training trip as a profitable investment, both artistically and financially.

No doubt to the average fan it seems quite an item of expense for a club to send thirty or forty men south for six weeks to get in shape for the coming season at the expense of the club. The players always travel on the best trains, stay at the best hotels and get every attention possible. Each spring every major league club must spend \$6,000 on the preliminary work.

Sometimes the weather conditions in the south are not any too favorable, and other times the various clubs run into all kinds of tough luck on their way north. Exhibition games that had been arranged for during the winter must be postponed on account of weather or ground conditions, and many chances are lost to get back some of the money

When training trips were first inaugurated years ago the coming of a major league club to the south was an event of much importance. The arrival of the big league stars was anxlously awaited, and during their stay they were very much of the whole show. The exhibition games would always draw big crowds, and often quite a little money would be made in this way. The coming of the stars is no longer a matter of so much importance in Dixle; it is regarded as a rather common-place affair, and no longer do the teams draw such big crowds.

While in a few respects the pilgrimages to the south may not attract as much attention as in former days, in other ways it is of far more importance.

Of late years the game has been making such rapid strides in every way the fans and scribes at home are paying lots more attention to the doings in the spring training camps. It is in this one respect that the club reaps a big revenue on its investment.

Practically every major league team that goes south nowadays takes anywhere from four to six correspondents, as well as several photographers, to pencil and picture the doings of the different teams while in the south.

After a long winter in which the fans have fived on views and near-views of what would happen during the approaching season they welcome so real news about the players and the prospects as seen from the field of battle. Baseball is one sport that lives the year argund. The club owners realize this, and are always alert to any measure that will help perpetuate the game. For five or six weeks prior to the opening of the season the fans devour with relish all the dope that is served up to them by the staff correspondents. The opinions of the writers on all subjects are considered, and many a heated argument is caused by some of the

It is also a time when the fans may read about the bush league phenoms. During the training trip each year every club appears to have several who are bound to set the league on fire. Sometimes they make good and live up to even the strongest advance notices, but generally they are put out before they even get a chance to start any conflagration in the majors.

stuff sent from the south.

The scribes realize that the fans in their home town are familiar with all the good and bad qualities of the veterans, and they always select the youngsters as fit subjects for stories of all kinds. Some of them are real truth, others are nearer fiction.

The height, weight, the peculiarities, in fact, everything about the youngsters that might be of interest is dished up for the fans' consideration. For four or five weeks the new recruit has the spotlight continually played on him. Often it's the only chance, he will ever get, or at least get for a time. If he is sent back to the minors, which is often the case, he usually has a hard time breaking into fast company again. If he is kept it's usually for duty on the bench, and it's mighty hard to show ability or break into print when all you have to do is sit around, look wise and try to be useful.

This preliminary dope that is handed out before the season opens gets every-body in prime shape for the first game. Naturally all the stuff they have read about the youngsters makes the fans anxious to look them over. Sometimes they are disappointed, while every now and then a youngster shows up far better than anyone expected.

Just at present the Cleveland fans are all anxious to look over the new Naps and pass judgment. So many nice things have been said about all the new recruits, Easterly and Sitton in parciculas that the Cleveland fans are beginning to believe that they have somewing pretty classy in the raw this year. Chicago fans have been getting great reports from the coast about a new southpaw, Suter; St. Louis fans are enthusing over Louie Evans of the Cardials, and Catcher Smith, a new rownie; Boston fans are hearing all nds of nice things about some of Tayes new recruits, and Cincinnati fans anxiously awaiting the homecoming Griffith's new stars. It's the same way in every city, the fans are certain that with the new talent they are sure to be in the running

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LEHI WINS UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

Finish Remarkable Season and Capture Silver Cup.

"Lehi High School, Champions of Utah, 1900." This inscription will be inscribed on a handsome silver loving cup which from now on will be one of the most valued trophles of the Lehl high school. It was won in the deciding fame yesterday against the Granite high school, and ended the struggle that has been going on for several weeks among the high schools of the state to settle the question of the high school enampionship. Yesterday's game was the second straight victory for Lehl, giving them the necessary two out of three, and the final score read 46 to 35.

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Granite did not play the game it did against the southerners the night before. The boys were not as sure on their basket shots and not as fast in their team plays. Leht, if anything, improved and got in the game from the start and played it out to the finish.

The first half ended by a score of 23 to 21 in favor of the Leht players, and the

21 in favor of the Lehi players, and the same relative lead was maintained dur-ing the second half.

After the game it was announced that the winners would be given a reception at Lehl on next Saturday night by the citizens of that town, at which time the cup will be formally presented.

The line-un:

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Golden Has Plenty of Material in Sight for Good Track Team.

Golden, Colo., March 20 .- With thirty-one men already out for practice. Captain Will C. Bryan, athletic director of the School of Mines, is confident that the local school will put forth this year a track team that will, for once. be a credit to the School of Mines. In former years it has been almost im-possible to pick a track team, as students here have had, apparently, but little interest in track athletics.

Bryan has issued thirty-one suits, and in spite of the inclement weather and the poor condition of the field, the men are out daily getting in trim.

There will be but two meets with the other state colleges, the first of which will be a dual affair in Golden, with the University of Colorado, on April 30. A quadrangular meet will take place at Boulder on May 22, participated in by Colorado college, University of Colorado, the Agricultural college and the School of Mines. The managers of these teams were not successful in completing arrangements with Coach

Keehler of Denver university. Among the Mines men who are known to be good at distance running are: Schaefer, Leek, Ward, Boyle, Marshall, Layne, Ristedt, Manual and Latimer. Sprinters are: Garringer, Schaefer, Ditus, Latimer, Halris and Tarbell. Wells and Van Lieu will evidently make good on broad jumping. Kenney and Latimer will take care of the low hurdles, while Van Lieu, Langdon and McGowan are all said to be good men with the weights. Work in real earnest will be started just as soon as the field can be put in condition, and in the meantime Captain Bryan is getting good preliminary re-

GIANTS LOSE MIKE DONLIN

sults in gymnasium and on the hills.

New York Star Says He Will Stick to the Stage This Summer.

Boston, March 20 .- Mike Donlin, actor, ball player and holdout, will not be with the Giants this season, Mike and his wife are playing an engagement at local theatre. In reply to the query, "Will you play New York this season?" Mike said

that he is through. "I was willing." continued Mike, "but my proposition did not strike Mr. Brush the right spot. He advised me to continue on the stage, as his organization could not pay the price I asked.

His ultimatum reached me three days after he mailed it in New York. I was in Columbus, O., at the time.
"Since then I have not heard from him. I did nothing in the meantime until last week, when I signed up con-tracts that will keep Mrs. Donlin and myself working until July 5, when we

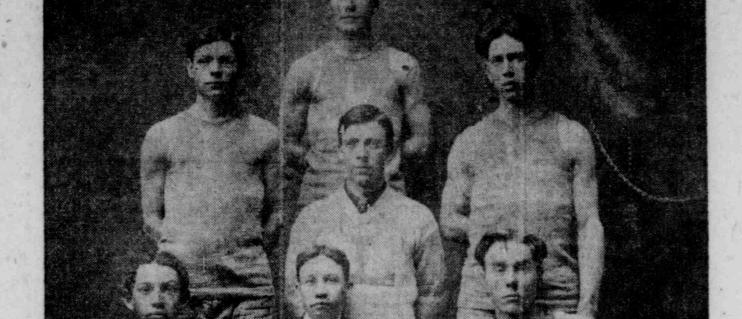
shall close in Los Angeles. I wish the Giants the best success and would like to see them pull off the pennant, but it is out of the question, now that I am tied up with theatrical contracts, to think of playing with them. I am out of it for the season of 1909, and Mr. Brush knows that."

Famous Pittsburg Southpaw Fails to Report for the Spring Practice.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 20.-Without Hans Wagner and without a contract signed by the great shortstop to play this season, the final squad of Pittsburg players moved to Hot Springs, Ark., tonight, headed by President Barney Dreyfuss. Willis, the pitcher from Newark, Del., who is striking for more money, was missing also. Wag-ner's final word to Dreyfuss today was that he is entirely too busy to think of baseball and that he would not permit the training season to interfere with

his bus ness. The club officials tonight gave out the statement that, while Wagner had not signed a contract, it was understood he would join the team some time

The players taken south by Dreyfuss were Vail, Kane, Esmond, Miller, Sof-



Lehi High School Basketball Team

State high school champions for season of 1909.

Granite high fighting for first place in the basketball championship after going

through a hard series of games, in which they have met and defeated the strongest teams in their class. From a viewpoint of

sport alone this is good for the game and proves the statement frequently made in these columns that the country boy is just as good an athlete as the city boy, it he will only controlled.

if he will only go out and work as hard to capture the honors.

WHY BELL QUIT THE GAME.

When Artie Bell arrived in the city to compete in the Auditorium contests he

compete in the Auditorium contests he called upon the writer, who knows him well from the old bike days. When asked why he quit the bike game for skating Bell said he dld not care to take the chances. It will be remembered that Bell was one of the stars at the saucer track in 1901, going from here to Butte and then to the east. That winter, while pacing Bobbie Walthour in the race in which Johnny Nelson was killed and Walthour badly injured. Bell also went down in the

badly injured. Bell also went down in the mix-up. When he awoke in the hospital it was discovered that he had a broken arm and a broken leg, which of

course put him out of the game for many

Bell said he had never entered a bike

race from that day to this, and that he never expected to do so again.

BOXING GAME GAINING FAVOR.

The legislature of Tennessee has passed a bill permitting boxing. The lawmakers of Nevada have passed a law lowering the

possible to legislate fake promoters, managers and fighters out of the game, it would be but a few short years until boxing would become recognized as one of the cleanest of athletic sports.

Surely there will be enough baseball going on in the states included in the Intermountain league this season. This week the announcement was made that

an intermountain league was formed, and right on top of it comes more announce-

ments that state leagues in Montana. Idaho and Utah, comprising the same towns, are being organized. This ought to give enough baseball to suit all the

A letter addressed to the writer from

Gus Braum, the Olympic club wrestling champion of San Francisco, was received

champion of San Francisco, was received this week, in which Braum expressed a desire to wrestle Mike Yokel. He also asked to be put in communication with some local wrestling promoter, and the letter was turned over to Harry Heagren. Is it now about time for the "Well known wrestling fan" to come out and brand the match a fake, if it is made?

Jimmy Reynolds, the Marathon skater, who won the Butte race and finished second in the Salt Lake race, objects to

second in the Sail Lake race, objects to the theory that all men at the age of 60 should be chloroformed. Reynolds ad-mits he is 54 and says there is not a youngster in the game today (except Schatz) who can beat him in an endur-ance test on the rollers.

Exit one Billy Papke. Jimmy Flynn beat him to a frazzle at Los Angeles on Friday night, and Sam Langford knocked Jimmy Flynn out in one round. Where does Papke stand?

The fight fans who read of the accounts of the fight at Rock Springs, where Jack Tippets so easily disposed of Ben Smith on Wednesday night, now know what they missed when that knock stopped the Mantell-Tippets go at Mur

At the present time Butte, Mont. is wild on roller skating, and particularly so on Marathon racing. If they need a good man up there, who possesses real speed. Salt Lake can loan them a lad named Schatz. Witness what he did to

There has not been a new bicycle track built during the past week to entice Salt Lake riders away this year. Probably

Montana champion at the Auditorium

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ray a few weeks back.

S-P-O-R-T-O-L-O-G-Y

In another column will be found an article taken from Collier's Weekly on the Rocky mountain football conditions, in which the case of Charles Parkinson is taken up and discussed. Since the article appeared the information is given out that Parkinson is no longer connected with the Fort Collins team. This, by the way, is the first time an article of any way, is the first time an article of any kind has appeared in the press in which the Fort Collins school has in any way repudiated Parkinson, although that school's attention was called to him a couple of months ago in a dozen different articles appearing in the Salt Lake papers. Marked copies of these papers were sent to the Fort Collins school, as well as to the leading papers of Colorado, but no attempt was made by either the Colorado press or the Fort Collins school to investigate the charges. Now that the matter has been taken up by a publimatter has been taken up by a publication such as Collier's, Coach Rothgeb has rushed into print and repudiated the actions of his captain, and announces that he will not be allowed to play on the Fort

WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED.

We here in Utah cannot help wondering if the policy outlined by Parkinson would have been followed at Fort Collins this year if Collier's had not taken up the matter in the interest of clean sport. At the first crack of the whip by that paper Fort Collins at once repudiates the man accused by Salt Lake papers of playing under an assumed name, yet they have remained quiet for three months.

Knowing there could be but one outcome to such an affair, the writer asked Parkinson two months ago to let him know at once when he received a politecommunication from the Fort Collins communication from the Fort Collins school notifying him he had been deposed as captain for the coming year. Parkinson looked surprised and said such ction would never be taken. The writer asisted it would, and Parkinson finally agreed that he would wire the informa-tion just as soon as it took place, if it ever did. No word has been heard from Parkinson since, but the dispatch from Fort Collins saying he would not reprent that school next year can be taken

Thus the incident is closed, and the fact established that the Salt Lake papers had the right dope three months ago on ath-letic conditions in Colorado. Is it not about time for some of the Colorado schools to rant about purity of athlet-ics in Utah schools again?

WHY FIGHTERS ARE POPULAR. An eastern scribe gives the true reason of the lasting popularity of John L. Sullivan and Jim Jeffries. He says:

"That here worship in sport is not dead as yet was shown last week by the reception given Jim Jeffries at New York. While Jeffries has been out of the ring for some years, and during that time has done but little to attract public attention, his trip east has been a continuous ovation, and the climax came in New ovation, and the climax came in New York when he was mobbed by a crowd which gathered to give him a reception, and forced to seek refuge in a baggage room at the station.

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"Jeffries' popularity is based on the same grounds as that which still clings to John L. Sullivan. At the bottom is honesty in sport. Neither Jeffries nor Sullivan ever did anything that would cast reflection on their honesty, and both have steered clear of scandals. There have been other pugilists just as successful as these two, but their records have not been as straight and their popularity shortas straight and their popularity short-lived as a result. Another thing that is shown by the reception Jeffries has been getting is that the public does not take much stock in the forfelture of titles by failure to defend them. When Jeffries retired he left his title to be fought for by the others in his class, or, rather, below his class, as none of the heavybelow his class, as none of the heavy-weights was able to give him a good argu-ment. Johnson is probably the best of the others right now, and his right to the title outside of Jeffries is pretty clear. Yet Jeffries is getting the honors that go with the championship, and he will con-tinue to do so until defeated."

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MORE POWER TO COUNTRY
SCHOOLS.

The fact that two of the smaller or country high schools of the state have to fight it out for the state championship in basketball speaks well for the growing interest in school athletics in the state at large. It has not been long since Salt Lake and Ogden yearly fought it out for honors in the state in all the presences of athletics, with the outside oranches of athletics, with the outside schools looking on as mere spectators. About four years ago the university first awakened interest throughout the state

this is the reason Manager Heagren is wearing a smile these days. If all the reports published about scarcity of bike riders were true, Heagren will have to take to riding a wheel himself this year, or give a moving picture of a bike race to the cycle fans at the Salt Palace. MARCH 21 IN THE meet, and since that time the country schools have been gradually forging to the front. This year sees the Lehi and

ANNALS OF SPORT 1885-At New York, W. H. Meek defeated William O'Keefe in twenty-five-mile walking match for \$200. 1890—At Toronto, Lady Langtry defeated Doeskin in 200-yard grayhound race, two in three heats, for \$100. 1892-At Buffalo, Lakes and Straits

Yacht Racing association organized. 1901—At San Francisco, Frankie Neil and George White fought four rounds to a Graw.

1902—At Chicago, Frank Erne defeated
Gus Gardner in six rounds.

1907—At Princeton, Yale won the intercollegiate wrestling championships.

1908—At New Orleans, Angeles won the

DENVER HORSEMAN BUYS THE LIMIT

San Francisco, March 20 .- The Limit, a green 5-year-old pacer, which as a 3-year-old worked a mile in 2:10, has been sold to Mr. Estabrook of Denver, the owner of Spanish Queen. Lou Crellin of Pleasanton, the owner of the pacer, received anton, the owner of the pacer, received \$10,000 for the animal.

The Limit is by Searchlight, out of Bertha, the famous brood mare. The horse will be shipped by express today, in charge of Gus Macey, driver and trainer for Estabrook. of Nevada have passed a law lowering the license fee on boxing contests to encourage the sport. Bills are now before the legislatures of Minnesota and Nebraska to allow boxing under certain restrictions. This all looks good to the fight fan. No game ever received the knocks boxing has, and yet it lives and constantly demands recognition. It is because the public wants it, and always will want it as long as man likes to see man in physical contest against another. If it were possible to legislate fake promoters, man-

DATE SET FOR SCHOOL MEET

Twenty Schools and Three **Hundred Young Athletes** in Contest This Year.

The university is already making arrangements for the state high school track meet that will be held on Cummings field May 22. This meet will be the biggest track and field event ever held in the state, and twenty-two schools will be represented, and over 300 athletes will

The invitations to compete in the meet were sent out some time ago, and letters have been received from twenty-two schools saying that they will enter teams.

schools saying that they will enter teams. The U endeavored to reach every secondary school in the state and has lined up six schools that did not compete in last year's meet. As has been the custom before, the U will entertain the visiting track teams at a luncheon before the meet and a lake party in the evening.

The annual state high school track meet established by the university in the spring of 1904, five years ago, has met with great success, and they have proved extremely profitable to the university in developing valuable material for the college athletic teams. In the first meet Salt Lake, Ogden and Park City high schools competed, and there were about thirty athletes entered in the different events. The growth of the meet has continued steadily until now twenty-two schools will be represented by over 300 athletes. Since the first meet the mile run and hurdles have been added to the events, and the 50-yard dash eliminated.

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Those who will send teams to the meet this year are Salt Lake high school, Ogden high school, Weber Stake academy. Granite high school, Lehi high school, branch normal at Cedar City, Park City high school, American Fork high school, Manti high school, Wasatch academy. Brigham high school, Payson high school. Snow academy of Ephraim, Spanish Fork Brigham high school, Payson high school, Snow academy of Ephraim, Spanish Fork high school, Springville high school, West Jordan high school, Gordon academy of Salt Lake, Beaver branch of the B. Y. U., Eureka high school and Price high school. The last six named will be in the meet for the first time this year.

ONE CHALLENGE CUP THAT WAS NEVER WON

There exists in the world today but a single challenge cup that has never been won by any aspirant for athletic honors-that is the famous Alexander cup, of solid silver, standing three feet high on its solid silver pedestal, and worth about \$1,500. This cup will be given to the man who swims across the English channel, from the shore of England to the coast of France.

The feat was performed once by Captain Webb, in 1875, in twenty-one hours and forty-five minutes, but never has it been repeated, although several persons have come within as little as three quarters of a mile of repeating Webb's

Some forty attempts in all have been made to swim the channel since Webb succeeded. Cavill, in 1877, and Dalton, an American, in 1890, claimed to have succeeded, but neither claim was al-Webb is said to have swum the chan-

nel and is usually credited with the performance, but this was before the Alexander cup was offered for competition. So this superb trophy has never been awarded to anyone. Woiffe, who made the nearest approach to success. reaching within three-quarters of a mile of the French shore, has made six attempts. Two of them he made in 1908. Recent attempts to swim the channel have brought out a theory that it cannot be done by starting from England, but would be easier from the French to the English side of the channel. Still, Webb is said to have started from British ground. There is a terrific ground tow and tide set off away from the French shore, which has always killed off the energies of the channel swimmers when almost within striking distance of the French coast.

BATTLING NELSON ORIGINATES BLOW

"Half-Scissors" Punch Is the Latest in the Repertoire of Lightweight Champion.

Battling Nelson claims the origination of a brand new blow to pugilism. He calls it the "half-scissors hook." In telling of his use of it, Nelson says:

"I wish to say right here that the discovery of this blow is largely responsible for my entering the ranks of the champions. Soon after I had discovered this deadly blow, I began to meet the aspirants for the championship title, and I keeled them over one after an-

"The half-seissors punch is nothing more than a quick hook which lands on the top of an opponent's liver. The blow is always unexpected, and it is so painful that it is almost paralyzing in its effect. That was the blow that I dealt Joe Gans at Goldfield when it was claimed that I had fouled him. But we will take that up later.

"The left half-scissors hook is dealt with the side of the left hand. In coming out of a clinch fight fans will notice that the left hand of a fighter is withdrawn, as a rule, from under the right arm of his opponent. It is just at this moment that the blow must be deliv-

"Instead of hitting with the knuckles of the fist, I take a swing of not more than six inches and plunge the side of my hand with thumb and forefinger on top of my opponent's liver. To test this blow, suppose one of you get a friend to tap you about three inches below the right armpit, and a little forward. To be explicit, the spot is on the two lower ribs, about two inches above the lower righthand pocket of your vest. A slight tap on that spot will send a pain shooting all the way to the spine. "I have struck men with that punch

and they would crumple up and fall in a heap. The pain is intense. Often the blow is not seen by the spectators, and they have an idea that the fighter who falls is quitting or laying down.

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